

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1219 - HB 1370

March 13, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes that it is an unfair or deceptive practice affecting the conduct of any trade or commerce for a technology corporation to ban or censor political candidates or users from the use of a social media platform owned or operated by the corporation based on political ideology, viewpoint discrimination, personal animus, or speech that, expressed in a public forum, is protected by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Any increase in the number of complaints handled by the Office of the Attorney General, the Division of Consumer Affairs, is estimated to be not significant and can be handled by existing staff during normal work hours.
- Committing an unfair or deceptive practice under the *Consumer Protection Act of 1977* is a Class B misdemeanor offense.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption:

- Any impact to commerce or jobs in Tennessee is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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